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SUBJ: PRG LIAISON OFFICE IN GENEVA

REF: STATE 001891; GENEVA'S 0021; SAIGON 00093

1. IN ACCORDANCE DEPARTMENT'S INSTRUCTIONS, DCM REITERATED TO AMBASSADOR KELLER OUR ASSUMPTION SWISS WOULD TAKE NO ACTION ON TRANSMITTAL BY WINSPEARE OF PRG NAMES IN ABSENCE OF A FORMAL WRITTEN REQUEST FROM UN. THE DCM ALSO STRESSED THAT ISSUE IS TOO IMPORTANT TO BE SETTLED BY UN OFFICIALS HERE IN A ROUTINE AND IMPRECISE FASHION. KELLER SAID HE AGREED AND READ DCM OPERATIVE PORTION OF SWISS NOTE TO UN AUTHORITIES GENEVA WHICH MADE IT CLEAR THAT IN RESPONDING UN WOULD HAVE TO REQUEST ESTABLISHMENT PRG OFFICE. KELLER SAID UN WOULD HAVE TO "DOT ITS I'S AND CROSS ITS T'S" BEFORE SWISS WOULD TAKE ANY ACTION. THE BALL REMAINS, IN THEIR VIEW, IN UN COURT AND KELLER REITERATED WHAT HE HAD TOLD POL COUNSELOR DEC. 30 THAT SWISS WILL INFORM US WHEN UN RESPONSE RECEIVED. HE ALSO REITERATED THAT SWISS WERE IRRITATED AT EFFORTS TO PASS TO SWISS RESPONSIBILITY FOR DECIDING WHETHER OR NOT PRG OFFICE WOULD BE ESTABLISHED IN GENEVA.

2. KELLER SAID THAT BOTH HE AND PICTET HAD BEEN TOLD BY

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WALDHEIM HIMSELF IN MID-NOVEMBER THAT UN SECRETARY GENERAL

HAD RAISED MATTER WITH SECRETARY ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS AND THAT HE HAD LEFT SWISS WITH IMPRESSION US GOVERNMENT NOT STRONGLY OPPOSED TO ESTABLISHMENT PRG OFFICE. DCM NOTED THAT ASSISTANT SECRETARY BUFFUM HAD EXPRESSED STRONG US VIEWS TO AMBASSADOR SCHNYDER ON DEC 3 AND THAT OUR UN MISSION IS UNDER INSTRUCTIONS TO REASSERT OUR FIRM DESIRE WITH SECYGEN WALDHEIM TO SEE THIS MATTER DIE. KELLER AGAIN PROMISED TO STAY IN CLOSE TOUCH ON THIS MATTER. HE SAID SWISS WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION WE MIGHT OBTAIN RE OUR APPROACHES TO WALDHEIM AND THAT AMBASSADOR SCHNYDER WAS UNDER INSTRUCTIONS TO STAY IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH DEPARTMENT ON MATTER.  
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